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U.S. 4 TRAFFIC SHIFT ONTO TEMPORARY BRIDGE
IN BOSCAWEN-CANTERBURY
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT OVER MERRIMACK RIVER

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces a traffic detour is scheduled to go into effect Friday, May 2 as part of the U.S. Route 4 bridge replacement project over the Merrimack River in the towns of Boscawen and Canterbury.

Two-way traffic on Route 4 will be relocated onto a temporary bridge adjacent to the existing bridge. The detour will remain in effect until the existing bridge is replaced.

Motorists are advised that the speed limit through this work zone is reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph. The park and ride on the Boscawen side of the bridge will remain open with the entry and exit on the west side of the lot.

The new bridge is expected to be open to traffic in August 2004. Beck & Bellucci, of Franklin, New Hampshire is the prime contractor of the \$11 million project, which has a final completion date of July 2005.

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